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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Al Munro

The *Edmonton* and *Calgary Spring Coin Shows* are history. Unfortunately the weather kept me from attending the Edmonton Show but I understand from those attending that it was a success. The Calgary Coin Show was also a success even though the weather was also a factor keeping away many of the Edmonton area collectors who had planned on attending. Although I did find some real gems for my medallion collection, I did not pick up a single wooden nickel at the show. My wife Marion and I are planning to attend the *Winnipeg Coin Show* the weekend of May 13th and 14th and I hope to meet some of the collectors from that area. The spring antique shows are just around the corner and there is always hope that a rare find will show up at one of those shows. I wish each of you much luck in the pursuit of your various hobbies.

There are still a few who have not renewed their **CAWMC membership** for 2006. I have provided Ross with a list of those who have not renewed and asked him to mark the newsletter so you will know that I have not received your renewal. I encourage everyone who has not renewed to do it now before we remove your name from our active mailing list. This will be your LAST 'Timber Talk' newsletter if you have not renewed. If you have questions regarding your membership status please e-mail me at wood5cents@shaw.ca or telephone me at 403-273-6133. I have received several inquiries concerning membership cards. I will be working on them shortly and will be sending 2006 *membership cards* and the remainder of 2005 membership cards to Ross to be mailed out with 'Timber Talk'.

I remind members that it is approaching time to make plans to **attend our annual meeting** at the **C.N.A. convention in Niagara Falls, Ont., in July**. If you are planning on issuing woods for this occasion you should order them soon to give the person making them plenty of time to get them made for you. I hope to see you all there.

Good luck in your collecting efforts.

RENEWALS: If you have a cardinal  above, Al has yet to receive your 2006 membership.

FROM THE EDITOR:

As you know, your editor is always *begging and pleading* for 'wood' related material for this newsletter. Therefore, when I see something that is even remotely related to our hobby, I immediately save it and try to incorporate it into an article for 'Timber Talk' in hopes that someone might find interest in reading it. Thus was the case when I was reading a recent issue of "**The C N Journal**", which is the official publication of the Canadian Numismatic Association. Refer to page 5 for the article "**Get Change For A Dickel**".

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Garry Braunwarth – 1975-1977

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Norm Belsten – 1985-1991

Pat White – 1991-1995

Lou Vesh – 1995-2001

Earl Salterio – 2001-2003

Norm Belsten – 2003-2005

S.O.C. of C.A.W.M.C. MEETING at O.N.A. CONVENTION:

Ontario.

At this convention, The Southern Ontario Chapter of C.A.W.M.C. tries to hold a 'wooden money meeting'.

This year's meeting is scheduled for the Saturday (April 22nd) from 2:00 to 4:00 pm.

Everyone and anyone is invited. As always you can expect woods to be distributed freely, a possible auction and for sure, a swapping session. Hope to see you there.

The Ontario Numismatic Association (O.N.A.) convention will be held on April 21st to 23rd, 2006 in London, Ontario. It will be hosted by the *St. Thomas Numismatic Society* at the Best Western Lamplighter Inn 591 Wellington Road South, London,

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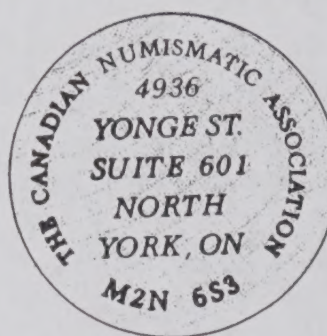
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FREE WOOD OF THE MONTH

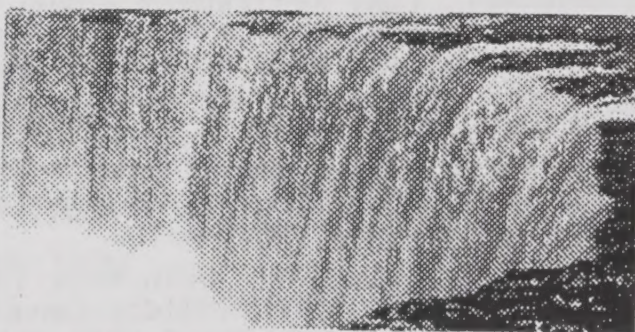
C.A.W.M.C. member *John Regitko* and the *Canadian Numismatic Association* have provided this wood as our 'free wood' for this month. This wood (blue in colour both sides) was distributed at last year's C.N.A. convention in Calgary. *John Regitko* is currently the C.N.A.'s *Executive Secretary* and is *General Chairman* of this year's 2006 C.N.A. convention (July 20th to 23rd) in *Niagara Falls*, Ontario. Other free woods from John and the C.N.A. will be forthcoming in month's leading up to this summer's convention. 'Thank You' goes to John and the Canadian Numismatic Association.



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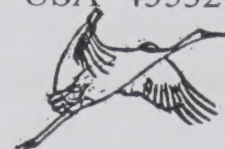
The C.N.A.'s 2006 Convention will be held at the Sheraton Fallsview Hotel & Convention Centre in Niagara Falls, Ontario on July 20 - 23.

For full information, go to www.canadian-numismatic.org or contact us at (416) 223-5980 or via e-mail at cnainfo@look.ca.

WHOOPING CRANE WOODS REVISITED:

In the February newsletter, I printed an article and showed the 'whooping crane' woods made by Glen Littrell of Corpus Christie, Texas. I also asked our members if anyone had these woods in the collection. The only person to respond was CAWMC member **Larry White** of Liberty Center, Ohio. I guess Larry and I are the only two current CAWMC members who have any of these woods in their collection. I somehow don't believe that, however. Larry sent along a descriptive listing of these woods and the mintage, which I've reproduced here. In his letter Larry states that he has found six different colour combinations of the small 1979 wood as well as an error reverse printing of this same wood. You need a mirror in order to see it properly.

He indicates the reason for these and other errors was that both Glen and Gary Littrell ordered woods from the same source. Gary's were to honour 'Coin Week' and Glen's order was for 'whooping cranes'. The manufacturer mixed up the obverses and reverses resulting in all the errors. Larry hopes to have a display of these woods at the upcoming C.N.A. convention in Niagara Falls this July. He also indicates that *he has three complete sets of these woods plus a number of errors*. Some people might want to contact him at Box 85, 289 Briarcliff Dr. Liberty Center, OH USA 43532-0085. Thanks for responding, Larry.

THE WHOOPING CRANE WOODS**I
IN FLIGHT**

1913-1988

GLEN W. LITRELL

Whooping Crane # 1 - Coin Week 1979
Obverse: The Journey North
Reverse: (1A) King High School / King Ranch Mintage 100
(1B) (Error) Reverse of Gary Littrell's 1979 Coin Week Canada Voyager wood. Mintage 40

Whooping Crane # 2 - Coin Week 1980
Obverse: (2) Friendship - Canada and USA
Reverse: (2A) Retirement - Glen W. Littrell Mintage 100
(2B) (Error) Reverse of Gary Littrell's 1980 Coin Week Canada- 5th Anniversary of Canada Large Cents Club. Mintage 25

III Whooping Crane # 3 - Coin Week 1981
Obverse: (3) Majestic King of Birds
Reverse: (3) King of Numismatics - J. Douglas Ferguson. Mintage 100

IV Whooping Crane # 4 - Coin Week 1982
Obverse: (4) 1911 Godless Canada Large Cent
Reverse: (4A) Return of "DEI GRATIA" Mintage 100
(4B) Actual Large Cents in Center. Mintage 25



V Whooping Crane # 5 - Coin Week 1983
Obverse: (5) The Winter Home
Reverse: (5) Coin Week - Mexico - Canada - USA Mintage 100

VI Whooping Crane # 6 - Coin Week 1984
Obverse: (6) Mating Dance
Reverse: (6) The Bridge of Peace Mintage 100

VII Whooping Crane # 7 - Coin Week 1985
Obverse: (7) Flight of the Whooping Crane
Reverse: (7) Numismatic Books Mintage 100



VIII Whooping Crane # 8 - Coin Week 1986
Obverse: (8) The Nesting Family
Reverse: (8) Texas Sesquicentennial - Six Flags Mintage 100

IX Whooping Crane # 9 - Coin Week 1987
Obverse: (9) Wading in the Marshes
Reverse: (9) Jean Lafitte - 8 Reales Mintage 100

X Whooping Crane # 10 - Coin Week 1988
Obverse: (10) Trials of Ichabod the Crane
Reverse: (10) Ichabod of "Sleepy Hollow". Mintage 100

GOT CHANGE FOR A DICKEL?

In the Jan./Feb. 2006 issue of the *C N Journal*, Dan Gosling, the current C.N.A. librarian, and a person who has also issued several souvenir 'woods' for recent C.N.A. conventions (listed under Sherwood Park, Alberta), is writing about *The First Year* of this *Canadian Numismatic Journal*. Dan is writing this bit of history because this year marks the 50th anniversary of the *C N Journal* in its present form as a printed monthly booklet form.

It was 50 years ago (1956) that *the then editor Peter S. Favro* took the step of reworking a mimeographed *Bulletin* of letter-size sheets into a 6" X 9" monthly publication very similar to today's *C N Journal* format.

As your editor read through the lengthy article which was highlighting what was in the *First Year's* issues, I was delighted to read that *Peter Favro*, in the October issue of that *First Year* focused on 'wooden money'. I have attempted to reprint (on the right), only that approximate one page, *on the topic of our hobby*.

On the right, then, written by *Dan Gosling*, is the part that pertains to 'wooden money'. It is taken from pages 33 and 34 as it appears in the Jan./Feb. 2006 issue of the *C N Journal*. The photos of the *Soo Locks Wooden 'Dickel'* appeared on page 33 with this write-up.



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venience of collectors.

The first Canadian wooden nickel was issued in 1938 at Prescott, Ontario, to commemorate a century of peace "at the Crossroads of the Continent". The second appeared in 1954 on the occasion of the Centennial Festival of Kitchener, Ontario, called "The City of Talent". The third came in 1955 with the Centenary celebrations of Whitby, Ontario, known as "The County Town". The fourth commemorated the 1955 Centennial of London, Ontario, "The Forest City". A fifth also appeared in 1955 in honour of the first hundred years of the "Soo" Locks, at Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario.

Since the Kitchener wooden nickels enjoyed much success, several speculative, money-making, or advertising issues appeared that were unconnected with anniversary celebrations. Those of the kind that have come to our attention are: Gananoque, 1954, with a variant form; Niagara Falls' Maid of the Mist, 1955, Canada Coin Exchange, 1955, and Lindsay, 1956, in both printed and embossed varieties.

Generally speaking, little imagination or originality of design has been shown in either the commemorative or the commercial types. The size and obverse of the Kitchener "coin" set the model for more recent issues except for that of the "Soo" Locks, which achieves a design and size of its own, including the seven-and-a-half cent "dickel" (half way between a dime and a nickel). These are in several

Got change for a Dickel?

Favro focused on wooden money in the October issue:

Wooden nickels are issued, usually, in commemoration of some civic event such as centennial celebrations; those so far produced in Canada are listed here for the con-

colours. The wooden nickel put out by the Canada Coin Exchange has its own distinctive style; it is similar in size to the "Soo" issue, but thicker.

Numerous medals and metal or plastic tokens have appeared as souvenirs of anniversaries during recent years. Among them are the Niagara Falls Golden Anniversary, 1954, in bronze; the Windsor Centennial, a large aluminum medal, in 1954; Edmonton's 50th Anniversary, 1954 (plastic); Alberta's Golden Jubilee, 1955 (copper); Centenary of Consecration of the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist at St. John's, Newfoundland, in 1955 (aluminum); and the 1956 Centennial of Paris, Ontario (plastic). Peterborough issued a stamp-like sticker for its Centennial in 1950.

All of these items may be considered to possess numismatic interest, and doubtless will be much sought after in times to come. The Prescott "nickel" is already very scarce.

Norm Belsten, the Canadian expert on Wooden Money, updated this information as follows:

The first official commemorative Canadian nickel was the 1937 Stratford, ON flat, issued for the Queen's visit. There was a set of three woods 5-, 10- and 25-Cents.

The 1880 one issued in Montreal for the Montreal exposition was a souvenir with no value on it.

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Dealers wishing to sign up for the Coin Show should contact Kyle Mutcher (mbspringshow@mts.net / 204-942-5953).